



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Reyes, *et al.*

APPLICATION No.: 09/851,410

FILED: May 7, 2001

FOR: **ENTERICALLY TRANSMITTED NON-A/NON-B HEPATITIS VIRAL AGENT AND CHARACTERISTIC EPITOPES THEREOF**

EXAMINER: Mosher, Mary

ART UNIT: 1648

CONF. No: 2902

Amendment in Response to Office Action with Filing of RCE

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding final Office Action dated October 15, 2004 ("Office Action") and Advisory Action dated February 8, 2005 in the captioned matter, and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.114, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants believe that entry of the Amendment will put the application in condition for immediate allowance or in better condition for appeal.

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